

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3667–S3724

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 791–804, and S. Res. 76. Page S3695

Measures Passed:

Commending Purdue University Women's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 76, to commend the Purdue University women's basketball team on winning the 1999 National Collegiate Athletic Association women's basketball championship.

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Use of Capitol Grounds/National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 44, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. Page S3724

Use of Capitol Grounds/Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 47, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Page S3724

Use of Capitol Grounds/DC Special Olympics Torch Run: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 50, authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds. Page S3724

Congressional Budget—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, April 15, 1999. Page S3724

Uniformed Services Filing Fairness Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 767, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to pro-

vide a 2-month extension for the due date for filing a tax return for any member of a uniformed service on a tour of duty outside the United States for a period which includes the normal due date for such filing. Page S3689

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Members of the Senate to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Senators Lautenberg, Graham, Feingold, and Dodd. Page S3724

Women's Progress Commemoration Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to provisions of section 3(b) of Public Law 105–341, appointed the following individuals to the Women's Progress Commemoration Commission: Elaine L. Chao of Kentucky, Amy M. Holmes of Washington, D.C., and Patricia C. Lamar of Mississippi. Pages S3723–24

Web-Based Education Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 105–244, appointed the following member of the Senate to the Web-Based Education Commission: Senator Bingaman. Page S3724

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 15, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3724.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Interior, focusing on Indian programs, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Thomas M. Thompson, Acting Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missile defense, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Strategic Subcommittee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on strategic nuclear forces and policy and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Edward L. Warner, III, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction; and Adm. Richard W. Mies, USN, Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command.

DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on the status of financial management within the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, and William J. Lynn, III, Under Secretary (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer), both of the Department of Defense; and Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Account and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office.

EXPORT CONTROL PROCESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, focusing on issues relating to the export control process, including security, dual-use goods and technologies, administration and enforcement, global business, technology trends, receiving testimony from Roger R. Majak, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; David S. Tarbell, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Technology

Security Policy and Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; James W. Jarrett, Intel-China, Beijing; Larry E. Christensen, Vastera, Inc., Dulles, Virginia, on behalf of the American Association of Exporters and Importers; and Gary Milhollin, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, on behalf of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

OLYMPIC SCANDAL INVESTIGATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine recent public controversies involving the selection of host cities and related activities of members of the International Olympic Committee, receiving testimony from Senator Campbell; former Senator Mitchell, Verner, Lippfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, and Ken Duberstein, Duberstein Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Donald Fehr, Major League Baseball Players Association, New York, New York; Roberta Cooper Ramo, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Jeffrey G. Benz, Coudert Brothers, San Francisco, California, all on behalf of the Special Bid Oversight Commission of the United States Olympic Committee; William Hybl and Scott A. Blackmun, both of the United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Anita DeFrantz, International Olympic Committee, Los Angeles, California; Jim Easton, James D. Easton, Inc., Van Nuys, California; and Andrew Jennings, London, England.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE AT DOE NUCLEAR WEAPONS LABORATORIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held closed oversight hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, after receiving testimony from Representative Christopher Cox; and Hazel O'Leary, Charles Curtis, Federico Pena, and Elizabeth Moler, each a former Secretary of Energy.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held oversight hearings on restructuring and reform of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on the implementation of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act (P.L. 105-206), receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings recessed subject to call.